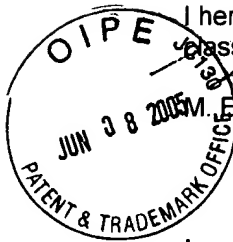


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Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a three(3)-month extension of time for filing a response to the Office Action dated December 14, 2004. A response to the Office Action is submitted herewith, as well as the extension fee of \$510 (check).

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